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SUBJECT: NEWSPAPER COVERAGE OF SENATE APPROVAL OF DAVIS
NOMINATION

1. NOTICIAS OF MARCH 13 CARRIED REPORT ATTRIBUTED TO REUTERS ON SENATE APPROVAL OF NOMINATION OF NATHANIEL DAVIS AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS. REPORT MENTIONED OPPOSITION OF BLACK CONGRESSMEN TO DAVIS NOMINATION FOR HIS ALLEGED PARTICIPATION IN "FASCIST" COUP WHICH OVERTHREW MARXIST GOVERNMENT OF SALVADOR ALLENDE; SAID HE WAS REPEATEDLY ACCUSED OF LINKS WITH CIA, "ESPIONAGE AGENCY USED BY AMERICAN IMPERIALISM TO INTERFERE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES AND, AS IS KNOWN, WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN REACTIONARY CHILEAN UPRISING"; AND NOTED OAU OPPOSITION TO HIS NOMINATION "BECAUSE THE DESIGNATION OF THIS PERSON TO THE POSITION (OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE) COULD LEAD TO AN INTENSIFICATION OF MANEUVERS TENDING TO UPSET POLITICAL EQUILIBRIUM IN AFRICA".

2. COMMENT: WHILE ARTICLE MAY HAVE BEEN BASED ON REUTERS REPORT, WE SUSPECT NOTICIAS EDITORS MADE AT LEAST FEW GRATUITOUS EMBELLISHMENTS REFLECTING THEIR STRONG ANTI-US BIAS. WALKER

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